

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 17, 2016

Meeting called to order by Chair Demetria Shabazz at 8:05 am, 1st Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall

Attending: Demetria Shabazz; Adrienne Terizzi; Joan Golowich; Sharon Vardatira; and Sean Hannon, Director IT/Staff Liaison

Absent: Al Sax

Others Attending: Peter Epstein, Special Counsel; Nick Ring, Director of Media Technologies, Amherst Media; Peter Hechenbleikner, Temporary Amherst Town Manager; and Jim Lescault, Executive Director, Amherst Media (8:40 am)

Discussion and Actions:

- Update was presented on the first negotiating meeting with Comcast, which included developing the schedule for the negotiation meetings and Comcast clarifying that their attorneys (including Dan Glanville) had binding authority within the context of these negotiations. Today's negotiating meeting (scheduled immediately after this meeting at 9 am) will focus on the Town's I-Net. At the negotiating meeting on May 24th, Amherst Media will give a presentation with detail on the capital request.
- The group briefly discussed the need to examine whether there might be some way to inform Sharon and Alan Sax about the negotiation process as they may have to step in for Dee and Adrienne at some point in the future due to scheduling conflicts. Section 21 of Open Meeting Law will be reviewed to determine if such information sharing between or prior to negotiating meetings is allowed.
- In preparation for today's meeting, including general discussions about I-Net and use of fiber pairs, CAC reviewed a letter sent to then-ACTV signed 10/16/2006 by Comcast's attorney "memorializing the intention of Comcast to allow the town to utilize the existing and third fiber pair of the I-Net."
- Comcast raised four questions in the prior negotiating meeting – most dealing with the I-Net and Town use of the fiber pairs - that will be addressed in the upcoming negotiating meeting. There was discussion about how to respond to the questions and who would handle each response.
- Discussed extent to which language in section 3.2 should be made more specific. Sean will take a first pass at ensuring the technical language is correct. It will subsequently be reviewed by Special Counsel and CAC.
- The Amherst BFN-Location list (showing 20 locations) was distributed as a point of information prior to today's negotiating meeting. Some discussion of how to handle the Capital request meeting on the 24th.

Meeting unanimously adjourned at 8:58 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Vardatira